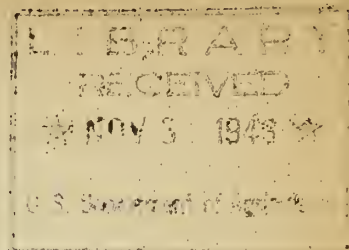


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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF MAY PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distribution Program		School Lunch Program		Cotton Stamp Program	
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	Participation	Participation	Participation	Participation	Brown Stamp Issuance	
West	384,549	\$1,132,153.50	58,993	588,060	65,177	\$ 67,860		
Midwest	896,439	2,561,958.75	644,661	906,061	-	-		
Northeast	769,093	2,572,230.75	598,696	1,004,349	-	-		
South	1,044,670/1	2,444,767.50/1	1,435,722	1,353,367	84,638	71,965		
Totals	3,094,751	\$8,718,110.50	3,338,127/2	3,927,690/3	149,815	\$139,825		

/1 Including the Virgin Islands.

/2 Including 600,055 persons in Puerto Rico.

/3 Including 75,853 children in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

SUMMARY

In May, 6.4 million persons in family groups including 608,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii participated in AMA food programs; 3.9 million children participated in the School Lunch Program. Food distributed: 206 million pounds valued at 15.3 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 3.1 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 16.0 million dollars; blue stamps, 8.7 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.82. Food purchased with blue stamps, 130.6 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 3.3 million persons in family groups; .6 million persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 50.5 million pounds valued at 4.2 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 3.9 million children in 52,000 schools. Foods distributed: 24.9 million pounds valued at 2.4 million dollars.
4. MILK PROGRAMS. Participation: 710,000 children in School Milk Program; 140,000 families in Relief Milk Program.
5. COTTON PROGRAMS. Cotton Stamp Program: 150,000 participants; \$140,000 issuance of brown stamps, 93 cents per person. Last cotton program discontinued May 31. Cotton Mattress Program: 54,000 mattresses, 73,000 comforters distributed.

Foods Distributed in May and During the Current Fiscal Year

In May, it is estimated that a total of 206 million pounds of food was distributed through AMA food programs to 6.4 million persons in family groups and to 3.9 million children participating in the School Lunch Program. Of this total, 130.6 million pounds were purchased with blue stamps, 50.5 million pounds were distributed directly to families and to special groups, and 24.9 million pounds were distributed through the School Lunch Program. From July 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942, about 3,066 million pounds of foodstuffs have been distributed under these programs.

The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,395 counties and 86 city areas in May, including 23 counties opened during the month. 76.9 million persons, 58 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 4,686,000 eligible persons, 3,095,000 or 66 per cent participated. This was a decline of 230,000 persons from the April total.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$8,718,000 in blue stamp issuance; \$527,000 less than in April, the West received 13 per cent; the Midwest, 29 per cent; the Northeast, 30 per cent; and the South, 28 per cent.

The decline in participation and blue stamp issuance may be attributed to recertification of caseloads throughout the country, the upswing of employment due to war production, and seasonal factors. The decline in blue stamp issuance was greatest in the Midwest, \$172,000; in the South it was \$165,000; in the Northeast, \$100,000, and in the West, \$90,000.

The average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.82, 4 cents more than in April. Cumulative issuance July 1, 1941 through May 1942 reached 103.5 million dollars. Orange stamp issuance in May: 16 million dollars, \$5.21 per capita, a \$900,000 decline from April. "Free blue" issuance: \$35,000 to 31,000 persons, \$1.14 per capita, a decline of 8,000 persons from April.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. May purchases: 130.6 million pounds valued at 8.7 million dollars. The percentage of blue stamp money spent for commodities reflected certain seasonal changes from April to May, with more money spent for butter and vegetables, less for cereals. The percentage of money spent for butter changed from 15.8 to 17.1 per cent, eggs remained the same, cereals changed from 18.9 to 17.6 per cent, vegetables from 29.3 to 30.1 per cent, and fruits from 16.1 to 15.4 per cent.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD
STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, MAY 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of Certified Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	4,685,834	3,094,751	66	\$8,718,110.50	\$103,488,109.75	\$2.82
<u>WESTERN REGION</u>	691,594	384,549	56	1,139,153.50	14,379,302.00	2.96
Arizona	36,232	24,595	68	64,751.00	911,192.00	2.63
California	176,210	113,909	65	366,490.00	5,087,538.00	3.22
Colorado	74,969	39,883	53	111,993.00	1,198,836.00	2.81
Idaho	50,332	19,775	39	48,664.50	537,958.00	2.46
Montana	45,885	24,990	54	65,790.00	690,417.00	2.62
Nevada	4,043	1,483	37	4,625.00	60,636.00	3.12
New Mexico	81,496	30,977	38	64,301.00	696,278.50	2.08
Oregon	49,707	28,101	57	85,106.50	1,086,447.50	3.03
Utah	45,251	24,716	55	68,718.50	972,134.50	2.78
Washington	116,272	69,737	60	242,706.00	2,968,930.00	3.48
Wyoming	11,197	6,383	57	16,008.00	168,934.50	2.51
<u>MIDWESTERN REGION</u>	1,318,181	896,439	68	2,561,958.75	28,769,826.50	2.86
Illinois	151,391	124,092	82	430,847.25	4,966,856.50	3.47
Indiana	39,225	21,129	54	51,842.00	652,555.00	2.45
Iowa	103,855	76,048	73	196,245.50	2,205,729.50	2.58
Kansas	94,159	59,508	63	163,651.00	1,504,925.50	2.75
Michigan	198,047	117,219	59	341,116.00	3,475,116.50	2.91
Minnesota	198,322	140,711	71	404,249.50	4,801,344.00	2.87
Missouri	109,637	65,368	60	173,753.00	1,994,564.50	2.66
Nebraska	69,852	55,329	79	140,939.50	1,880,943.00	2.55
North Dakota	47,969	35,480	74	81,232.00	962,536.50	2.29
Ohio	168,936	116,303	69	343,093.50	3,927,216.50	2.95
South Dakota	52,102	33,277	65	85,107.00	975,920.00	2.50
Wisconsin	77,363	45,037	58	134,025.00	1,262,717.00	2.98
Kentucky (2 counties)	7,323	6,238	85	15,857.50	159,402.00	2.54
<u>NORTHEASTERN REGION</u>	1,242,216	769,093	62	2,572,230.75	30,108,981.25	3.34
Connecticut	9,305	7,113	76	24,354.00	319,932.00	3.42
Delaware	4,340	2,254	52	6,378.00	93,293.00	2.83
Maine	57,084	38,153	67	91,807.00	746,581.00	2.41
Maryland	26,106	7,547	29	22,809.00	361,583.50	3.02
Massachusetts	154,927	87,684	57	296,160.00	3,501,117.50	3.38
New Hampshire	18,883	11,114	59	37,370.00	401,049.00	3.41
New Jersey	64,165	34,795	54	122,054.50	1,508,053.50	3.51
New York	591,597	453,227	77	1,611,465.25	18,793,512.75	3.56
Pennsylvania	284,378	108,331	38	304,233.50	3,729,994.00	2.81
Rhode Island	26,990	15,170	56	45,876.00	552,386.00	3.02
Vermont	4,441	3,705	83	9,223.50	101,479.00	2.49
<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u>	1,426,547	1,040,143	73	2,436,451.00	30,170,014.00	2.34
Alabama	41,787	22,853	71	63,465.50	995,339.00	2.13
Arkansas	138,437	85,770	62	219,460.00	3,451,432.50	2.56
Florida	95,768	67,907	71	187,491.50	1,790,042.50	2.76
Georgia	67,465	39,991	59	97,999.50	1,047,552.00	2.45
Kentucky	43,818	29,401	67	72,272.00	712,119.00	2.46
Louisiana	155,406	119,139	77	246,361.00	2,448,011.50	2.07
Mississippi	147,411	120,100	81	223,152.50	4,224,682.00	1.86
North Carolina	69,689	55,144	79	119,539.50	1,190,985.50	2.17
Oklahoma	142,204	120,831	85	287,534.50	5,539,362.00	2.38
South Carolina	23,960	17,072	71	37,317.50	467,116.00	2.19
Tennessee	74,355	54,526	73	134,772.50	1,343,364.50	2.47
Texas	412,488	289,701	70	720,699.00	6,687,292.50	2.49
Virginia	13,759	10,708	78	26,386.00	272,715.00	2.46

<u>VIRGIN ISLANDS</u>	7,296	4,527	62	8,316.50	59,986.00	1.84

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE, AND QUANTITY OF EACH
COMMODITY PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
AND EACH REGION /1, MAY 1942

(Value and Quantity in Thousands)

Commodity	Unit	V A L U E			: Percent of:			Q U A N T I T Y				
		U. S.	Region		Total Value:	U. S.	:	West	Midwest	Northeast	South	:
			West	East								
Butter	Lb.	1,488	191	436	564	297	17.1	424	1,054	1,258	701	
Eggs /2	Doz.	1,725	207	411	759	348	19.8	603	1,351	2,082	1,128	
White Flour	Lb.	1,177	143	324	161	549	13.5	3,381	7,735	3,7064	12,551	
Graham Flour	Lb.	17	3	5	5	4	.2	58	106	97	66	
Corn Meal	Lb.	245	22	57	54	112	2.8	460	1,519	1,039	3,459	
Hominy Grits	Lb.	93	4	21	38	30	1.1	61	422	780	696	
Total Cereals	Lb.	1,532	172	407	258	695	17.6	3,960	2,782	4,980	16,774	
Dry Beans	Lb.	506	57	103	156	192	5.8	696	1,060	1,544	2,389	
Irish Potatoes	Lb.	808	109	293	161	245	9.3	3,214	9,088	4,852	6,683	
Fresh Tomatoes	Lb.	127/3	24	56	45	-	1.5	361	510	409	-	
Cabbage	Lb.	182	12	69	42	59	2.1	437	2,033	1,120	2,540	
Carrots	Lb.	112	20	43	22	27	1.3	531	800	388	609	
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	173/3	-	49	31	93	2.0	-	1,187	784	2,998	
Lettuce	Lb.	21/3	21	-	-	-	.2	477	-	-	-	
Other Fr. Vegetables	Lb.	689	122	222	151	194	7.9	2,871	3,007	3,556	3,484	
Total Vegetables	Lb.	2,620	365	837	608	810	30.1	8,587	17,685	12,653	18,703	
Dried Prunes	Lb.	129	28	54	76	41	2.3	269	473	613	387	
Fresh Oranges /2	Doz.	596	80	221	180	117	6.9	552	924	655	552	
Fresh Apples	Lb.	332	59	117	62	94	3.8	1,118	2,074	1,254	2,172	
Fresh Pears	Lb.	22	1	2	16	3	.2	20	29	146	55	
Grapefruit /2	Each	194	36	77	49	32	2.2	1,348	1,525	831	755	
Total Fruits	Lb.	1,345	204	471	363	287	15.4	5,525	8,642	6,030	6,061	
Total	Lb.	8,710	1,139	2,562	2,572	2,437	100.0	19,400	39,190	28,044	43,931	

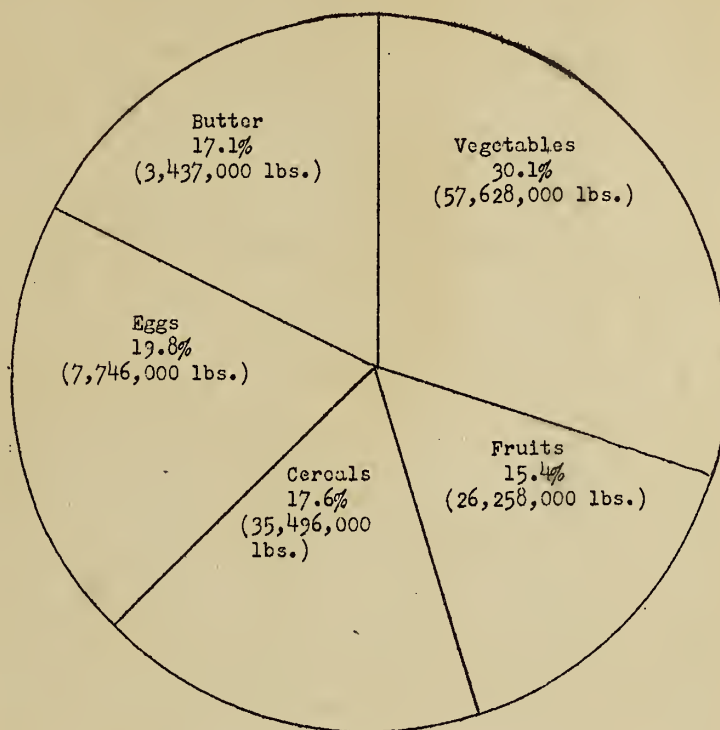
/1 Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

/2 Converted to pounds in totals.

/3 Data not available from all Regions.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. Blue Stamp purchase data for the Virgin Islands not included in this table.

CHART 1. HOW THE BLUE STAMP DOLLAR WAS SPENT,
AND QUANTITIES PURCHASED, MAY 1942



Blue stamp money expended during the month decreased 5.7 per cent from April, but total quantity of food purchased decreased 11.8 per cent, a further indication of the rising food costs also noted in last month's report. (See Chart 1 for quantity and per cent of total value)

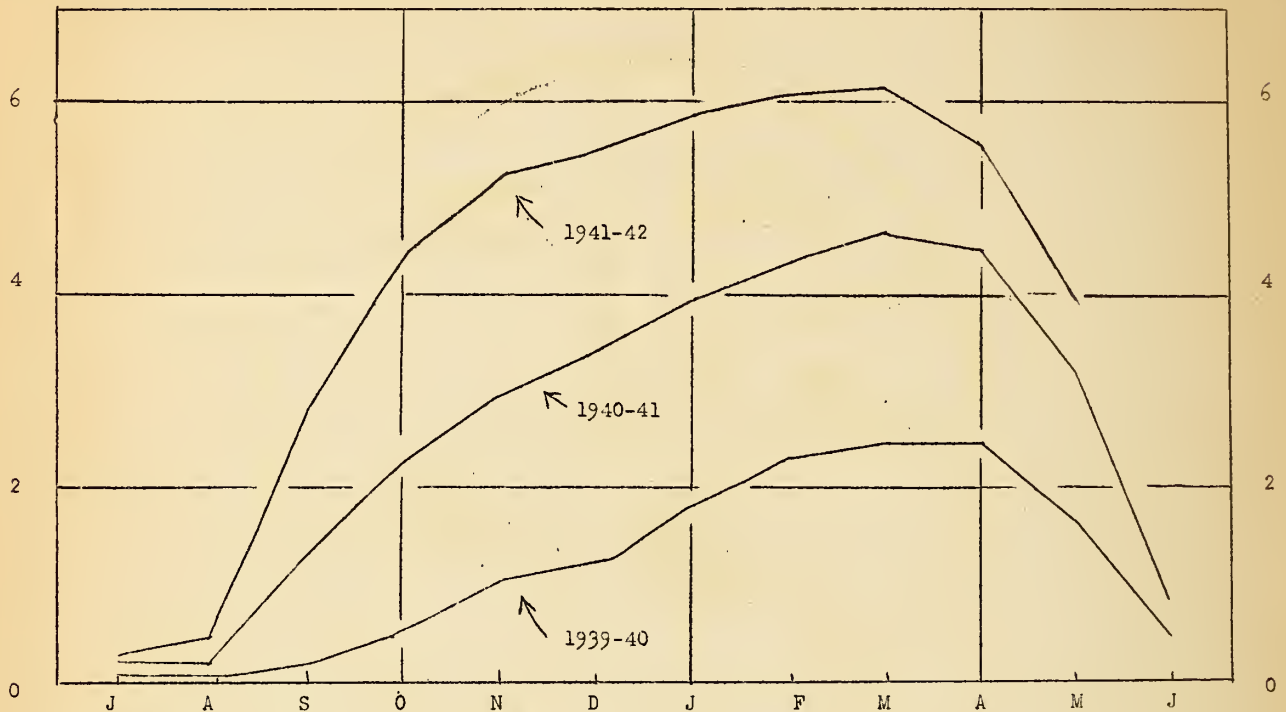
BLUE STAMPS ISSUED TO EDUCATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Issuance of blue stamps to Educational and Demonstration Projects totaled approximately \$3,000 in May. Data from the Midwest and Northeast are incomplete, but in the West, May issuance totaled \$552, cumulative July through May, \$8,718. In the South, May issuance totaled \$2,049. In April 4,193 demonstrations serving 37,711 persons were held in the Southern region. Foods purchased with blue stamps for these projects included butter, eggs, corn meal and grits, flour, potatoes, beans, various fresh vegetables, apples, grapefruit and dried prunes.

Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 3.3 million persons in family groups including 603,855 in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 52.5 per cent of the participants in the continental United States were in the South; only 2.2 per cent in the West. Participation in May 1941: 6.8 million persons. Also participating this month: 504,000 persons in 1,090 institutions and organizations; 145,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, children's camps and recreational projects, NYA resident training camps and others.

Millions
of
Children

CHART 2. MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, JULY 1939 - MAY 1942



Maximum number of schools participating during school years: 1939-40 - 36,000
1940-41 - 67,000
1941-42 - 93,000

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 46 million pounds to families, 4.5 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value for family and special groups: 4.2 million dollars. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the caseload: evaporated milk, wheat or oat cereal, graham and white flour, prunes, dry beans.

School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 3.9 million children in 52,000 schools, approximately 13 per cent of total enrollment in the United States. In May of last year, 3.2 million children in 38,000 schools participated.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 24.9 million pounds of foodstuffs with an estimated retail value of 2.4 million dollars were distributed. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children were butter, evaporated milk, eggs, cereals and flour, grapefruit juice or segments, prunes, dry beans, canned pork and beans, canned tomatoes and peanut butter.

TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
BY STATE, MAY 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Food Only			Number of Children
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	Served by School Lunch
			Number	% of Total				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
TOTAL	6,432,878	3,338,127	3,094,751	48.1	1,923,299	1,420,343	502,956	3,927,690
WESTERN REGION	443,542	58,993	384,549	86.7	6,030	6,030	-	588,060
Arizona	30,099	5,504	24,595	81.7	-	-	-	21,798
California	130,912	17,003/1	113,909	87.0	19	19/1	-	288,181/1
Colorado	62,994	23,111	39,883	63.3	5,845	5,845	-	36,644
Idaho	20,285	510	19,775	97.5	-	-	-	29,673
Montana	30,102	5,112	24,990	83.0	-	-	-	20,892
Nevada	2,415	932	1,483	61.4	-	-	-	2,041
New Mexico	31,246	269	30,977	99.1	-	-	-	42,350
Oregon	28,101	-	28,101	100.0	-	-	-	12,529
Utah	24,716	-	24,716	100.0	-	-	-	45,680
Washington	69,737	-	69,737	100.0	-	-	-	76,620
Wyoming	9,135	2,752	6,383	69.8	-	-	-	2,245
Hawaii	3,800	3,800/1	-	-	166	166/1	-	9,407/1
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,534,862	644,661	890,201	58.0	104,220	89,558	14,662	906,061
Illinois	285,616	161,524	124,092	43.4	4,427	4,090	337	111,045
Indiana	109,052	87,923	21,129	19.4	1,183	1,183	-	41,861
Iowa	106,777	30,729	76,048	71.2	8,059	8,037	22	44,116
Kansas	89,103	29,595	59,508	66.8	1,283	504	779	50,240
Michigan	164,150	46,931	117,219	71.4	2,574	2,160	414	163,595
Minnesota	140,711	-	140,711	100.0	8,285	-	8,285	184,144
Missouri	183,725	118,357	65,368	35.6	46,530	45,858	672	48,075
Nebraska	55,329	-	55,329	100.0	28	-	28	49,277
North Dakota	37,017	1,537	35,480	95.8	1,052	-	1,052	37,358
Ohio	221,223	104,920	116,303	52.6	18,162	17,031	1,131	81,006
South Dakota	41,346	7,369	33,977	82.2	355	-	355	54,896
Wisconsin	100,813	55,776	45,037	44.7	12,282	10,695	1,587	40,508
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,367,789	598,696	769,093	56.2	132,513	65,044	67,469	1,004,349
Connecticut	19,259	12,146	7,113	36.9	1,331	460	871	24,264
Delaware	3,820	1,566	2,254	59.0	-	-	-	2,067
Dist. of Col.	17,395	17,395	-	-	1,746	1,746	-	10,963
Maine	38,153	-	38,153	100.0	20,597	-	20,597	43,497
Maryland	11,711	4,164	7,547	64.4	-	-	-	13,436
Massachusetts	220,000	132,316	87,684	39.9	56,078	40,596	15,482	142,361
New Hampshire	11,114	-	11,114	100.0	1,926	-	1,926	13,340
New Jersey	102,635	67,840	34,795	33.9	2,314	2,244	70	84,504
New York	556,764	103,537/1	453,227	81.4	30,160	1,666/1	28,494	333,421/1
Pennsylvania	208,695	100,364	108,331	51.9	-	-	-	245,983
Rhode Island	18,640	3,470	15,170	81.4	69	69	-	3,284
Vermont	28,738	25,033/1	3,705	12.9	13,683	13,654/1	29	19,745/1
West Virginia	130,865	130,865	-	-	4,609	4,609	-	67,484
SOUTHERN REGION	2,482,103	1,435,722	1,046,381/3	42.2	1,080,481	659,656	420,825	1,353,367
Alabama	105,581	75,728	29,853	28.3	34,207	25,913	8,294	20,024
Arkansas	140,141	54,371	85,770	61.2	64,165	19,656	44,509	59,056
Florida	243,997	176,090	67,907	27.8	154,614	118,293	36,321	69,916
Georgia	189,498	149,507	39,991	21.1	86,595	74,911	11,684	296,670
Kentucky	305,857	270,218	35,639/3	11.6	180,899	170,480	10,419	68,996
Louisiana	170,102	50,963	119,139	70.0	19,117	2,905	16,212	121,959
Mississippi	164,386	44,286	120,100	73.0	115,453	29,001	86,452	36,946
North Carolina	185,077	129,933	55,144	29.8	84,409	55,656	28,753	70,135
Oklahoma	120,831	-	120,831	100.0	3,401	-	3,401	142,461
South Carolina	97,244	80,172	17,072	17.6	9,624	7,960	1,664	134,260
Tennessee	180,882	126,356	54,526	30.1	34,636	25,141	9,495	59,046
Texas	514,553	224,852	289,701	56.3	278,286	115,608	162,678	179,085
Virginia	63,954	53,246	10,708	16.7	15,075	14,132	943	94,813
Puerto Rico/2	600,055	600,055	-	-	600,055	600,055	-	74,229
Virgin Islands/2	4,527	-	4,527	100.0	-	-	-	1,624/1

/1 April figures. May figures not available.

/2 Not included in Region IV totals.

/3 Includes 2 counties in Region II.

School Milk and Relief Milk Programs

EXTENT. School milk participation: 710,000 children in 81 areas including 54 areas opened during May. Relief milk participation: 140,000 families in 7 areas. Quarts distributed: School milk, 3.2 million quarts; relief milk, 6.1 million quarts. Reports from some of the newer areas are incomplete; these data are therefore preliminary and subject to revision.

Cotton Programs

COTTON STAMP. 149,815 participants in 29 areas received \$139,825 in free brown stamps, a per capita average of 93 cents; cumulative issuance, July 1, 1941 through May 1942: \$3,505,103, a final figure for this program as all areas were closed on May 31, 1942.

COTTON MATTRESS. A total of 54,000 mattresses and 73,000 comforters were distributed under this program in May.

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